

The A. F. of L. Weekly News Service has announced that it will make available to its members a complete and up-to-date directory of labor organizations in the United States, including the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the officers and members of the various unions.

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR

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SUPPLEMENT

WILLIAM GREEN, President

WASHINGTON, D. C. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1950

GEORGE MEANY, Secretary-Treasurer

Samuel Gompers said: "The people as a whole, irrespective of their political or religious affiliations, have declared their support for the labor movement in fact, and not merely in name."

Ask Bigger Marshall Plan to Help Raise Wages of Europe's Unionists

Washington—A bigger and better Marshall Plan to raise the wages of European labor is being urged by the American Federation of Labor.

The plan is the brainchild of 3 American trade unionists who have just completed a survey of industrial conditions in France for the Economic Cooperation Administration.

It is the work of three French unionists: the late Camille Laval, vice president of the A. F. of L. in France; Louis Galt, president of the A. F. of L. in France; and J. William Weller, president of the A. F. of L. in France.

The standard of living of French workers must be improved, the report states, if the country is to remain a stronghold of democracy in Western Europe.

The first 2 years of the Marshall plan, the statement said, "were to

be devoted to the reconstruction of the French economy and to the improvement of the standard of living of the French people.

The report states that the French economy is in a state of collapse and that the standard of living of the French people is at a level that is far below that of the American people.

The report also states that the French government is unable to meet the needs of its people and that the American people must help the French people in this regard.

Blinded Vet Busy



Washington—Michael Ramsey (right), blinded war veteran, is learning how to operate a vending stand at one of his training to overcome his handicap.

W. Higgins (left) with Walter Arrington in background.

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69th Convention Grapples With War Crisis Problems

Convention Show Stars Bill Holden

Houston, Tex.—William Holden, star of the current motion picture "Brute Force," will be featured in a documentary program to be recorded before the 69th AFL convention in the Coleman Auditorium here.

The program, as recorded before the 500 convention delegates, will be the first of a series of similar programs to be recorded before the convention.

With Mr. Holden will be Mel Ferrer and many other screen stars.

The show will deal with the problems of the war crisis and the problems of the labor movement.

The show will be presented with the cooperation of the AFL Screen Actors Guild.

Houston, Tex.—Vice President Alben W. Barkley has accepted invitations to speak at the 69th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, which opens here today.

The AFL President William Green will be the first to speak at the convention.

The convention will be held in the Coleman Auditorium here.

Transport Workers Pledge War on Reds

Brighton, Germany—The International Transport Workers Federation has issued a statement in which it pledged a "war on the communists" in the United States and in the Western Hemisphere.

The statement was issued by the executive committee of the federation.

The statement said that the communists are a threat to the freedom of the world and that the transport workers must fight against them.

PRaises LABOR

Copenhagen, Denmark—Mrs. Dagmar Andersen, U. S. Ambassador to Denmark, sent Labor Day greetings to American labor. She said:

"I can assure you that the close and continued support which the United States has given to the labor movement in the United States, in the Western Hemisphere, and in the rest of the world, is a source of great pride to the American people."

Local Unions Urged Aid Handicapped

Houston, Tex.—The AFL Executive Council has urged local unions to aid the handicapped.

The council said that the handicapped are a part of the labor movement and that the labor movement must help them.

Expert

Washington—The AFL Executive Council has named an expert to study the problems of the labor movement.

The expert is a well-known labor leader and is expected to report to the council soon.

Brownlow Demands Merchant Marine Strong Enough to Meet U. S. Needs

Houston, Tex.—President James A. Brownlow of the Merchant Marine Department today urged the nation to build a merchant marine strong enough to meet the needs of the United States.

He said that the merchant marine is the lifeblood of the nation and that it must be able to meet the needs of the United States in times of war and peace.

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ILIO-ECA Assist Europe Migrants

Paris—The U. S. Marshall Plan committee has announced that it will assist European migrants.

The committee said that it will provide financial aid to help European migrants move to the United States.

Japanese Workers Learn of Gompers

New York—The Japanese Ministry of Labor has announced that it will learn of the work of Samuel Gompers.

The ministry said that it will study the work of Gompers and that it will use his work as a guide for the Japanese labor movement.

Job Insurance Propped Buying Power And Business Morale in 15 Years

Washington—About 8 billion dollars have been paid out in unemployment insurance benefits since 1935, according to a report by the Social Security Administration.

The report said that the unemployment insurance program has helped to keep the buying power of the American people and has helped to keep business morale high.

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